

IS THE EBC A THREAT TO OR A STRENGTH FOR OUR DEMOCRACY IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO?

UNC EXECUTIVE VISITS THE EBC TO DISCUSS THREAT TO ELECTIONS 2019 & 2020.

That was a very positive move **UNC Executive**, to meet with the EBC (Election and Boundaries Commission) management. Our strong have to stand up for our vulnerable, especially the immobile elderly and the under 18 who cannot vote yet, or we are heading for a situation like our neighbour.

The EBC never responded to the questions I asked after the 2016 Local Government Elections as one of the contesting. Candidates and that letter to them will be put on Facebook soon. This November, if those questions cannot be answered, we will have more threats to our Democracy, as we did in 2015 and now have with the current ID card distribution to assist refugees.

The EBC has been declared by the High Court to **have acted illegally in 2015** and to date no one was charged or had to face fines or incarceration as required by the **Representation of the People Act**.

All **ELECTIONS HEREAFTER** must take measures to protect our Citizens and Residents right to vote without fraudulent, negligent, inefficient and biased political party intervention. **The Ministry of Health has shown the way forward. This month, April 2019, all Pharmacies now have a sign on their Druggist Counters, asking for the patients of CDAP (Chronic Disease Assistance Programme), to supply 2 forms of ID for registration, before medicine is given. One must be a copy of your new Birth Certificate and the other, either ID card, Driver's Permit or Passport copy of identification.**

A smart move indeed, since the actions of this government since 2015 is leading us down a very dangerous path to civil unrest. EBC must voluntarily ensure that they adopt a similar approach at upcoming Elections, requesting all voters to bring copies their Birth Certificate, ID and recent Utility Bill as evidence of their right to vote in our Democratic System in 2019 and henceforth.

Should they refuse, our Court must be used to make them so do. **An application for Judicial Review granting an Order of Mandamus is one suggestion.** Our Senior Counsels may know of others. EBC must not be the decision maker in who manages our country as a Government; a country many of our citizens, in the past have worked and those now present who are willing to work very hard to give us the people that power and their EBC inefficiency must not continue for another year.

Someone has to be held accountable for the EBC mistakes. Our adults have to stand up and say enough is enough. Our under 18 youths must be given a chance to live to enjoy the Democracy so many of us are fighting for. No leader or groups of complacent followers have the right to endanger our future with bad policy decisions. We do not have to look far to see what happens when strong citizens do not stand up the weaker ones. Let all aspiring politicians show their mettle now before they start looking for votes

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